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I flew August 20 to Taif where Prince Faisal and I had private meeting attended only by Stoltzfus. I said, I had heard good news about Prince's health from Dr. Korkner; Prince replied doctor told him was greatly improved but more time must elapse before he could be termed fully recovered. Faisal continues to look better each time I see him.

I gave Faisal substance first paragraph DEPTTEL 258 August 18 and he expressed thanks. To my comment that Shuqairi's UN speech was a rather welcome change from his usual bitter criticism since he found some good things to say about our President's proposals, Faisal replied that Shuqairi was intelligent and essentially a good man who in his enthusiasm could sometimes not hold himself back; in tone he was vitriolic but in some circumstances this necessary. I asked Faisal his reaction to President's UN speech and he said he must answer as he had had to do in Cairo, that he had not seen the full text of the speech. (There was a definite intimation, I thought that Faisal would have liked to have been consulted before we launched proposals affecting the Middle East). I explained to him that speech had been garbled and while we had wired immediately for corrections (DEPTTEL PRIORITY USITO 8, August 18), and received them too late but promised to send him full text on my return to Jidda. I gave him resume of the President's proposals and he commented with approval on that portion stating that economic development must be directed by the Arabs themselves but we stood ready to assist with technical and other help.

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I then asked about Saudi economic outlook and said we sympathetic with Prince's efforts achieve economic and social progress. Faisal expressed thanks and said Number One priority was national budget without which no further detailed planning could be done. He said hopeful budget, which still being worked on by committee, would reach Council of Ministers and receive its approval within one month. In general, Faisal said, economic situation, which not good in all respects, was certainly "very much better than while ago." Prince said he aware US sympathetic to country's economic problems; first thing, however, was to achieve proper internal organization in country; outside assistance useless until this done. Faisal said SAG hoped among other things build some new schools next year but this would depend in part on the market outlook for oil. "If our friends, the oil companies, will sell more oil in future than now, we can be hopeful of making good progress," he said.

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In taking leave of him Faisal encouraged me to come as frequently as I liked.

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